Police that the participants should assembled at Guru Harkishan Public School and take the route via Purana Quila Road, Mathura Road and reach Pragati Maidan to which he agreed. But, at about 0925 hrs. the organisers suddenly decided to WALK towards the National Stadium and reach the Boat Club via Rajpath. They also tried to break the police cordon. After great persuasion, the WALK was started at 1000 hrs. as per route given by Delhi Police.

(d) There was no misbehaviour with any one during the said WALK.

Naxalite Activities

1153. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Naxalites in various parts of the Country have recently stepped up their activities particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to tackle the Naxalite menace in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects. It is for the concerned State Governments to devise various methods and take concrete steps to improve law and order situation. At the Central Government level, action is taken to facilitate co-ordination of the anti-naxalite operations of different States and to improve flow of information useful for control of naxalite activities among the States. Further, assistance is being provided to the State Governments in terms of financial assistance for modernisation of police, supply of improved weapons, deployment of para-military forces etc.

Militants arrested by Security forces in Jammu and Kashmir

1154. SHRI S.S AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some Afghan and Arab nationals operating as militants in the State of Jammu and Kashmir were recently arrested by security forces;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that large quantities of arms and ammunition coming from Pakistan were also recovered by security forces in the State at the international borders;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government have taken to wipe out Terrorism from Jammu and Kashmir ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Reports of the presence of some foreign nationals indulging in subversive activities alongwith the terrorists in Jammu & Kashmir have come to the notice of the Govt. One Afghan national has been arrested by the security forces in the Valley during the last six months.

(c) and (d) According to available information, the following arms and ammunition have been recovered on border since 1990 to April, 1993: